



Daily Report

Thursday, April 24, 2014

WEATHER

Winter Weather Advisory Above 6000 Feet

In effect from 5am Friday to 5am PDT Saturday for the higher elevations of the southern Sierra Nevada. The next in a series of fast moving Pacific storms will affect the Sierra beginning early Friday morning. Snow accumulations: up to 12 inches around and in Yosemite park. Elevation: above 6000 feet. Timing: snow beginning late tonight and continuing into Saturday morning.

Yosemite Valley

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72.
Tonight: Showers likely, mainly after 11pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 42. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.
Friday: Showers. High near 51. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New precipitation amounts between a half and three quarters of an inch possible.
Saturday: A 30 percent chance of snow showers before 11am. Mostly sunny, with a high near 51.

El Portal

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 81.
Tonight: A 50 percent chance of showers, mainly after 11pm. Increasing clouds, with a low around 45. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.
Friday: Showers. High near 60. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New precipitation amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.
Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers before 11am. Mostly sunny, with a high near 61.

Wawona

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68.
Tonight: A 50 percent chance of showers, mainly after 11pm. Increasing clouds, with a low around 44. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.
Friday: Showers. High near 52. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New precipitation amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.
Saturday: A 30 percent chance of snow showers before 11am. Mostly sunny, with a high near 52.

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NEW AND HAPPENING TODAY

Planned PG&E Electrical Outage on Thursday - South Entrance

PG&E is planning a repair and electric service will be interrupted on Thursday April 24th, 2014 from 10:00 am-3:00pm. For additional information, please contact: Heather Gonzales, Planned PG&E Outage Coordinator, (209) 726-5588. (K. Bablitch)

Tree Work Today

Today -- Thur 3/24 -- Valley Forestry crew will be removing hazard trees along South Side Drive east of Sentinel Bridge intersection. Traffic control will be in place with short delays. (L. Castro)

Bishop Creek Prescribed Fire Postponed in Yosemite National Park - news release

Prescribed Burn Rescheduled for Early May
Scott Gediman 209-372-0248
Kari Cobb 209-372-0529

Yosemite National Park Fire Managers have rescheduled a prescribed fire in the Bishop Creek area for early May. The prescribed fire, originally scheduled for the end of April, is postponed because of forecasted rain in the area. Yosemite is expecting up to one inch of rain throughout the park. Ignition of the prescribed fire is dependent on weather and moisture levels.

The prescribed fire is located near the community of Yosemite West in the Bishop Creek area. The total prescribed fire area will include 1,447 acres. The prescribed fire is designed to protect Yosemite West from potential wildfires. Additionally, the prescribed fire is designed to reduce surface fuels and ladder fuels.

Heavy understory ladder fuels allow surface fires to spread from the ground to tree canopies creating undesirable crown fires, which are fires in the tops of trees.

Ignition will take approximately five days with active burning, and about two weeks to monitor burn down activity. The Wawona Road will remain open during the prescribed fire, however, traffic control may be instituted if conditions require. Firefighters, fire equipment, and smoke may be present on and around the roadway.

The park has submitted a smoke management plan to the Mariposa County Air Pollution Control District (APCD), and will obtain a burn permit prior to burning. Smoke monitors will be deployed in smoke sensitive communities to monitor air quality. The California Air Resources Board, Tuolumne, San Joaquin, and Great Basin APCDs have been notified of the prescribed fire. (K. Cobb)

PIV Card Update

The schedule for the Mariposa Credentialing Station has been temporarily changed. Appointments can be made on Thursdays only from 7:30-10:30 and 1:30-3:30 through June 4th. The week of June 8th we will return to our schedule of Wednesdays and Thursdays for the same time periods. (L. Schafer)

Radios and Property

It's official. Most radio assets are now property controlled, "regardless of cost". A new UPC crosswalk is posted on the WASO SharePoint site with these changes, plus the elimination of the 999 (miscellaneous) UPCs. (L. Schafer)

Fleet Card Statements

Reminder: Fleet Charge Cards must be reconciled each month. To reconcile a fleet charge card, attach the original receipt to the monthly statement and validate the corresponding charge. If you do not have a receipt please use the dummy receipt form that was developed last quarter. The primary user and the supervisor must sign and date the back of each statement. All statements must be returned to the fleet management office for filing and auditing. If you have questions please contact a fleet representative. Note: If you have an unidentified charge on your fleet charge card and you have had you vehicle into the Machine Shop for service, please contact the Machine Shop. They can verify whether they purchased parts for your vehicle with the fleet card. If parts were purchased please obtain a copy of the receipt and forward it along with your statement to the fleet management office. (D. St. Vincent)

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RECENT NEWS

For Rent

Downtown Mariposa apartment available for rent between May 11 – August 31; furnished 1 bedroom & 1 ½ bath; two minute walk to Mariposa Public Library & five minute walk to downtown restaurants; \$625/month, plus utilities. Email Will Fassett at wfassett@gmail.com. (W. Fassett)

The Four Mile Trail is now open. (K. Kirschner)

Supervisory Biologist - Detail/Temporary Promotion NTE 5 years

The Division of Resources Management and Science has a detail/temporary promotion opportunity as a Supervisory Biologist GS-0401-12, not-to-exceed 5-years. The incumbent will work under the direction of the Branch Chief for Vegetation and Ecological Restoration and manage a complex, scientifically based ecological restoration program.

This position is open via USAJobs as an internal merit promotion announcement. It is open ONLY to current, qualifying Yosemite National Park employees. You will need to upload your resume, college transcripts, and complete an assessment questionnaire. You can access this job announcement by pasting this link into your browser:
<http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/1096502>. (C. Mattiuzzi)

New Yoga Class in Yosemite Valley

Join local resident, Heather Sullivan, for a weekly yoga class at the DNC Employee Wellness Center. Class is from 6pm-7pm on Tuesday evenings. All levels welcome. Bring a mat if you have one. Beginning today, Earth Day April 22. (H. Sullivan)

New streamlined process: Temporary Admin Requests

IT's created a new way to request administrative rights on a computer - for example, to install or configure software. Rather than calling or emailing the IT Help Desk, you just fill out a quick 5-line SharePoint form (here: <http://sharepoint.yose.nps.gov/Admn/IT/SitePages/Temp%20Admin%20Requests.aspx>). We anticipate being able to process these several times a day; you'll be kept informed of progress via email. (P. Lindstrom)

NPS Uniform Cache Grand Reopening

As of April 21, the NPS Uniform cache will be open for business! NPS employees will be able to access used and new uniform items which have been donated by other staff. The NPS is piloting a new park-wide uniform cache with limited access. Five divisions are participating in this project: Facilities, Interpretation, Resources, BRM, and the Superintendent's Office. Divisions who are not participating may access the cache on a limited basis. The pilot program will go through October 2014, at which time the program will be assessed for effectiveness.

The cache is located in the El Portal Warehouse storage area, aisles 7 and 8, and will be kept locked between uses. During seasonal orientations, a Uniform Team member will be available at the cache 3pm to 4:15 pm on the first Monday of the pay period. At all other times, contact your division liaison for access keys and cache usage instructions:

BRM: Parker Davis
Interp: Andy Fristensky
Supt.: Katie Calder
RMS: Ami Knighten
FM: Susan Hedlund

We welcome your NPS uniform donations! We especially need outerwear, hats, and accessories (belts, ties, hat bands, etc.. All donations to the uniform cache must be in clean and serviceable condition, and must be given directly to your division liaison. Unserviceable but clean items may be accepted for textile recycling. Do not leave donations at the uniform cache. If you have questions about the uniform cache, contact Heather Boothe, Uniform Cache Team Chair, at 379-1855 or heather_boothe@nps.gov. (H. Boothe)

Volunteers For Fire Prevention

Fire and Aviation Management is seeking individuals interested in becoming volunteers in fire prevention. Volunteers are needed to assist with developing and distributing fire safety information, talking with children and adults about fire safety, conducting fire extinguisher training, and assisting with residential wildfire defensible space and workplace fire prevention inspections. Contact Don Coffman at 209-379-1444 or email Don_Coffman@nps.gov for information. (D. Coffman)

Anniversary Updates

Yosemite Grant 150th - Upcoming Activities

Now Playing! The Ken Burns documentary, Yosemite: A Gathering of Spirit at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Theater. Every hour on the hour, 10 AM to 4 PM every day (first showing on Sunday is Noon). Currently through May 3, Yosemite Renaissance Exhibit at the Yosemite Museum Gallery in Yosemite Valley.

Currently through May 4, Valley View: Yosemite Trails, Currents, and Visions exhibit at Stellar Gallery in Oakhurst, CA.

April 19 - 27, National Park Week at Yosemite, see the Yosemite Guide for details.

April 22, Earth Day at Yosemite, see the Yosemite Guide for details.

April 23 through Aug. 17, Carleton Watkins: The Stanford Albums, The Cantor Arts Center at Stanford University.

Special Showings of Yosemite: A Gathering of Spirit - April 22 in Vernal, UT; April 24 in Quincy, CA; April 25 in Montrose, CO; April 26 at Evergreen Lodge in Groveland, CA and in Beatrice, NE.

For more ongoing exhibits and detailed event information visit www.nps.gov/yose/anniversary

Wilderness Act 50th - www.wilderness50th.org

NPS 100th - www.nps.gov/subjects/centennial or www.nps.gov/calltoaction (B. Whitehead)

YNPCCC Job Opportunities

Yosemite National Park Child Care Center is accepting resumes for part and full time positions and substitutes. Individuals that embrace teamwork, are cheerful, patient, consistent, have experience with children, and/or a working knowledge of childhood development, and/or coursework in early childhood and/or elementary education are welcome to apply. Positions are located in both the El Portal and Valley facilities. Please email cover letter and resume to ynpchildcare@gmail.com (L. Zisa)

Reminder: Spring Fling is this Saturday, April 26

This all day event is sponsored by the Yosemite Employee Association and will be an extremely fun celebration honoring one of the best seasons in our land. Here's a list of the main attractions taking place at the Clark Community Hall in El Portal this Saturday:

- The El Portal Spring Run-off (7-11 am)
- Bird Walk by renowned naturalist Karen Amstutz (7:30 am)
- Pancake Breakfast served by the Yosemite Lions Club (7-11 am)
- 20+ Craft & Food Vendors (throughout the day)
- Local, LIVE music starting at 1:30pm until 12am

Admission before 4:30 is free. \$20 gets you into the wild evening rumpus! Buy your tickets before the day of at www.shopelportalcastore.com and get \$3 off evening admission. For more information visit YEA's facebook page: www.facebook.com/yea.yosemite (A. Davis)

***Revised* Mariposa Air Fair and Pancake Breakfast**

It is Air Fair time! Saturday, April 26th the Mariposa Air Fair and Family Adventure Day 2014, is taking place at Mariposa-Yosemite Airport. The gate opens at 8 a.m. and the event lasts until 3 p.m. Adventurers can begin with the pancake breakfast put on by the Mount Bullion Fire Department (see below) and stay fueled later on with a great tri-tip or pulled pork lunch. There will be free airplane rides for kids 8-17 years old (parent or legal guardian must be present). These flights occur from 8-noon, so early birds will have the best opportunity to fly. There will be a variety of aircraft to see, including Antiques and Warbirds from the WWII Era. There will be several fly-bys and demonstrations by various types of aircraft, including Radio Controlled aircraft. A fire truck from the Mariposa County Fire Department will be putting on an exciting demonstration as well. There will be plenty of interesting community displays and vendor booths to explore for both adults and children. Kids can take a spin in the full-motion flight simulator or test their skills in the craft or water-rocket stations. For the “kids at heart” there will be classic cars and hot rods, and musical guests. There are great raffle prizes up for grabs, including chances to win a flight in the classic blue Waco airplane featured on our website! The Mariposa Trolley will be conducting FREE Airport pick-up and drop off at the Westamerica Bank parking lot at 5121 Highway 140, beginning at 7:30 a.m. and running throughout the day for those that want to take advantage of the added fun and convenience it will provide. Admission is only \$2, and kids 10 and under get in for free when accompanied by an adult! For more information please visit the Mariposa Air Fair and Family Adventure Day 2014 Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/events/248532958652830/> and our website at www.mariposaairfair.com. (J. Darcy)

Please come join Station 25 Mariposa Airport/Mt. Bullion, 5021 Macready Way (off 49N) for a pancake breakfast, Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 8 – 11. You are invited to enjoy pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice and coffee (courtesy of Moonbow Espresso) – all for a \$5.00 donation. Then enjoy the Mariposa Air Fair and Family Adventure Day – take photos of your children in Engine 25! Mariposa County Fire Department – Volunteer today – Neighbors helping Neighbors! (K. Keheley)

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ACTING DESIGNATIONS

- Paul Ollig** will be acting Chief of Interpretation & Education April 19-27.
- Julie Byerly** will be Acting Deputy Chief Ranger from Sunday, March 23 through Saturday, May 3.
- Lou Summerfield** will be acting Chief of Facilities through April. Lou can be reached at 379-1075.
- Rachel Mazur** will be Acting Branch Chief of Wildlife from Sunday, February 9 through Saturday, May 31.
- Josiah Brown** is now High Voltage Electric Supervisor in the Utilities Branch of Facilities Management and Design. He can be reached at 209-379-1236.
- Ansley Singer** will be the Acting Emergency Communications Center Manager from April 16th - April 27th.
- Kevin Keheley** will be acting as Buildings and Grounds Facilities Manager while Tom Darcy is out of the office April 21-24. Kevin may be reached at 379-1169.
- Chris Gateman** will be acting as Operations supervisor while Alan Hawksley is out of the office April 21-May 2. Chris may be reached at 379-1033.
- Greg Green** will be acting as the Parkwide Custodial supervisor while Alan Hawksley is out of the office April 21-May 2. Greg may be reached at 379-1280, or 372-0533.
- Barbara Beroza** will be Acting Curator until further notice.
- Sue Beatty** will be Acting Branch Chief for Vegetation and Ecological Restoration until further notice. She can be reached at 209-379-3290.

Garrett Dickman will be Acting Invasive Plant Program Manager until further notice. He can be reached at 209-379-3282.

Brenna Lissoway (379-1282) is on a detail as the Park Archivist. If you have need to access the Archives, or have archive related questions, you can call 379-1283 or 379-1104.

Alison Colwell will be Acting Park Botanist until further notice. She can be reached at 209-379-3295.

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For submissions, please email yose_daily_report@nps.gov (there's no need to email anyone else). Submission guidelines and Daily Report FAQs can be found here: <http://go.nps.gov/dailyreport>. Yosemite's Daily Report is an internal memorandum of long standing intended to provide timely administrative information needed for daily park operations. The primary purpose of the report is to serve as a communication tool for park management to pass specific operational information to field employees of Yosemite National Park, park partners, concessioners, and related government agencies in a fast and efficient manner and offer a format for interdivisional, interagency, and general intra-park notifications.